



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND SENIORS

REP. KATHY CRAWFORD

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Room 308, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors was called to order by the Chair.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Crawford, Rendon, Farrington, Hoitenga, Wozniak, Garrett, Liberati, Brenda Carter, Cynthia Johnson.

Absent/Excused: None.

Representative Rendon moved to adopt the meeting minutes from January 22, 2020. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5289 before the committee:

HB 5289

(Rep. Alexander) A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 2882 and 2891 (MCL 333.2882 and 333.2891), section 2882 as amended by 2002 PA 691 and section 2891 as amended by 2013 PA 136.

Val Vail-Shirey, Legislative Assistant for Representative Julie Alexander, explained the (H-2) substitute for HB 5289.

Genevieve Marron, representing the Right to Life of Michigan, submitted a card in support of HB 5289, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Liberati moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) for HB 5289. The motion prevailed 8-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Crawford, Rendon, Farrington, Hoitenga, Wozniak, Liberati, Brenda Carter, Cynthia Johnson.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Wozniak moved to refer HB 5289 to the Committee on Ways and Means, with recommendation as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed 8-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Crawford, Rendon, Farrington, Hoitenga, Wozniak, Liberati, Brenda Carter, Cynthia Johnson.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid before the committee a presentation on Kinship Care.

Dr. Sharon McDaniel, President and Chief Executive Officer of A Second Chance, Incorporated, explained the importance of placement of children with their relatives, or family friends when they are unable to remain in the homes of their birth parents. A copy of her handout is attached. Questions followed.

Dr. Joo Yeunn Chang, Senior Deputy Director for the Children's Service Agency at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, joined Dr. McDaniel to address questions from committee members.

Deb Frisbee, a Parent Consultant at Adoption Family Support Network, showed a video from Jan Wagner, a kinship caregiver from Mason County and the recipient of the Casey Family Programs 2019 Excellence Award, and briefed the committee members about her program. Questions and discussion followed.

Brooke VanProoyen, Coordinator of the Adoption Family Support Network and a former relative placement child, briefed the committee further about various child placement issues. Questions followed.

Lisa Grodsky, Community Services Coordinator for the Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency, briefed the members on her area's child placement conditions. Questions and discussion followed.

Tina Wasilewski and Anita Rothert, Parent Education Specialist, from the Guidance Center in Dearborn, Michigan, briefed the committee on their program.

There being no further business before the committee, Representative Wozniak moved to adjourn the committee. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Representative Kathy Crawford, Chair

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